K. D. H. P. Company Ltd., Munnar.

219. ✱ **MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the lease deed executed in favour of the K. D. H. P. Co., Ltd., Munnar has been recently renewed;

(*b*) if so, for how many years;

(*c*) what consideration was secured by the Government for the renewal of the lease deed; and

(*d*) under what head has the amount been debited?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (*a*) No.

(*b*) to (*d*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*)

MR. KANNANTHODATH K. JANARDHANAN NAIR: May I know for how long this deed has been in existence?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: I have already answered that it is not renewed.

Marketing Officers.

220. ✱**MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR:** Will the Government be pleased to state what the part played by the marketing officers is in the food control or price control exercised by Government?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The Marketing Officers have no part in the food control or price control exercised by Government.

Stipend granted to Mr. M. N. Kesava Pillai

221. ✱ **MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what was the amount of monthly scholarship or stipend granted to Mr M. N. Kesava Pillai during the final year of his Ayurveda Acharya course in the Benares Hindu University;

(*b*) whether he is employed by Government in the Ayurvedic Department at present; and

(*c*) what his present post, pay and grade are?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) Bh. Rs. 40.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Senior Pandit in the Ayurveda College on a pay of Rs. 40 in the grade of Rs. 40-5-70.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the incumbent's pay at present is not less than the stipend given to him?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: No, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: I find from the answer given that the stipend given to him was Bh. Rs. 40 and his present pay is S. Rs. 40. May I know whether S. Rs. 40 is not less than Bh. Rs. 40?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: The emoluments that an incumbent gets are to be calculated on the average of the maximum and minimum of a scale. The officer in question is now in the scale of Rs. 40-70 and so his pay is definitely more than what he was getting as stipend.

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